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SUBJECT: GOE JAILS JOURNALIST CONVICTED OF DEFAMATION REF: A. CAIRO 1231 B. CAIRO 284 C. CAIRO 180 D. 08 CAIRO 2152 E. 08 CAIRO 2122 Classified  
1.(C) On July 6 at 11 PM, police arrested independent newspaper editor Yasser Barakat outside his office to implement the six-month prison term

2.(C) Member of the quasi-governmental National Council for Human Rights (NCHR) and Secretary-General of the independent Egyptian Organization

3.(C) Comment: The GOE's decision to jail Barakat is significant for being the only case in recent memory of a journalist sent to prison for de